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FOLLOWING SENT BRASILIA SANTIAGO BUENOS AIRES BOGOTA CARACAS

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1. CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS REGARDING PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION BEGUN JUNE 1. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THROUGH JUNE 15.
2. ALTHOUGH CONSULTATIONS NOT COMPLETE, SECRETARY INFORMED HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE JUNE 5 IN PUBLIC SESSION THAT US IS PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE TO SELL F-5 E AIRCRAFT TO HOST GOVERNMENTS.
3. ACCORDINGLY, YOU MAY CONVEY THE FOLLOWING TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. THE USG IS PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE TO PERMIT NORTHROP CORPORATION TO OFFER F-5 E FOR SALE TO HOST GOVERNMENT IF REQUEST MADE. USG WILL ALSO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE CREDIT, BUT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT FY73 CREDIT IS EXHAUSTED, FY74 AND 75 CREDIT IS ALREADY HEAVILY COMMITTED AND FY74 LEGISLATION IS NOT LIKELY TO BE ENACTED FOR SOME MONTHS, WE ARE UNABLE TO MAKE FIRM CREDIT COMMITMENTS AT THIS TIME. SALE OF THESE AIRCRAFT COULD OF COURSE BE NEGOTIATED PROMPTLY SHOULD THE HOST GOVERNMENT DECIDE TO EITHER MAKE CASH PAYMENTS OR OBTAIN COMMERCIAL LOAN WITHOUT USG GUARANTEE. WE SHALL IN ANY EVENT CONTINUE TO SEEK ADEQUATE FUNDS AND AUTHORITY FOR FMS CREDIT.
4. FOR BRASILIA: FYI DECISION ON MULTIYEAR CREDIT FOR F-5/ C-130 SALE IMMINENT. END FYI. ROGERS UNQUOTE RUSH

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